

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-19 are all the claims pending in the application.

New claims 20-36 have been added to provide additional claim coverage.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-10 and 12-19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen (EP 859,500) in view of Yamakita (JP 10-133847). Applicant traverses these rejections because the cited references fail to disclose or suggest all of the claim limitations.

The Examiner concedes that Chen fails to disclose or suggest performing speech communication while the terminal is performing an information search. However, the Examiner cites to Yamakita in order to make up for this deficiency. Applicant respectfully disagrees that Yamakita discloses or suggests the features that are missing from Chen. Applicant first notes that the Examiner never states that Yamakita discloses performing speech communication while the terminal is performing an information search.

Yamakita discloses a technique based on a condition that both a speech transmission and an HTML reception use the same arbitrary network (such as the Internet). However, in the claimed invention, when a service is provided while switching the telephone network and the packet network, the terminal is identified by attaching the strings at the center of the different terminal IDs between each network. Thus the claimed technique is completely different from the technique in Yamakita and one skilled in the art could not achieve the claimed invention based on the disclosure of Yamakita.

The newly added claims 20-36, also include the feature of sending speech during a text communication. Therefore, they should also be allowable for the same reasons describe above.

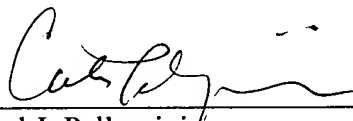
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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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